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SUBJ: 20TH UNDP GC - AGENDA ITEM 3(C)--AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT
DECISION ON NEW DIMENSIONS

REF: GENEVA 4790 AND 4833

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN EXPLANATION OF ITS POSITION REGARDING REFERENC-
ES IS PREAMBLE TO NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER FOLLOWING AP-
PROVAL OF LANGUAGE REPORTED REFTEL, PRC LAUNCHED ATTACK ON SUPER-
POWERS WHICH SEEK TO SUBVERT INTENTIONS OF UNGA AND IGNORE IN-
TERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND EXPRESSED DESIRE OF MAJORITY.
TONE AND LANGUAGE CLEARLY FOCUSED ATTACK ON U.S. WHICH RESPONDED
AS REPORTED BELOW. PRC RESPONSE TO U.S. REBUTTAL ENDED EXCHANGE
AND MORNING SESSION. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS INDICATED APPROVAL OF
VIGOROUS U.S. REBUTTAL. AFTERNOON SESSION WITNESSED PRC ATTACK
ON SOVIET MILITARISM AND ENGENDERED SERIES OF STRONG EXCHANGES IN
WHICH USSR EMPHASIZED INAPPROPRIATENESS OF CHINESE COMMENTS AND
CALLED ON PRC TO MAKE BETTER USE OF ITS UN MEMBERSHIP. INCREAS-
INGLY VIROUS COMMENTS BY TWO DELEGATIONS ENDED AFTER PLEA BY
CHAIRMAN (IVAN, HUNGARY). END SUMMARY.

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1. SUMMARY OF PRC EXPLANATION WAS: PRC REP (WANG, TZU-CHUAN)

SAID THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE SOMEWHAT VAGUELY-WORDED POINT, THE TEN GUIDELINES IN PARAGRAPH 5 REFLECTED A NUMBER OF REASONABLE DEMANDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HIS DELEGATION ACCORDINGLY SUPPORTED THE DRAFT DECISION.

THE ADOPTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER HAD BEEN A SIGNIFICANT VICTORY IN THE STRUGGLE OF THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND HEGEMONY. AT THE EIGHTEENTH, NINETEENTH AND TWENTIETH SESSIONS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAD REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT UNDP SHOULD FOLLOW THE PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN IN THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION, BUT THE SUPERPOWERS WERE OPPOSED TO THOSE PRINCIPLES AND WERE TRYING BY ALL POSSIBLE MEANS TO PREVENT THE REALIZATION OF THE JUST DEMANDS OF THE THIRD WORLD. IN THEIR EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE OLD ORDER, BASED ON EXPLOITATION AND PLUNDER, THESE POWERS HAD USED ALL KINDS OF TACTICS TO SABOTAGE THE DRAFT DECISION TABLED BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THE ADMINISTRATION HAD ADVANCED NO SUGGESTIONS FOR THE REFORM OF ITS BASIC POLICIES AS REQUIRED BY ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1911 (XLVII). MANY COUNTRIES HAD EXPRESSED THEIR DISAGREEMENT WITH SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE ADMINISTRATOR (DP/114). THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD STUDY AND DISCUSS PROPOSALS ON THE REFORM OF ITS BASIC POLICIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION, AND THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SHOULD GIVE TIMELY CONSIDERATION TO SUCH PROPOSALS.

HIS DELEGATION HAD A RESERVATION TO MAKE ON THE INSERTION OF THE WORDS "WITH APPRECIATION" IN PARAGRAPH 3.

SINCE THE CONSENSUS OF 1970 REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE DRAFT DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED BEFORE RESTORATION OF THE LAWFUL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE UNITED NATIONS, HIS DELEGATION RESERVED THE RIGHT TO COMMENT ON IT AT A LATER STAGE.

IT COULD NOT AGREE TO PARAGRAPH 5(1) IF IT WAS TAKEN TO MEAN THAT UNDP COULD FORM LINKS WITH THE TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

2. PRECIS OF U.S. REBUTTAL FOLLOWS:

U.S. REP (KITCHEN) REPLIED THAT HE WISHED TO EXPRESS HIS DELEGATION'S DEEP APPRECIATION OF THE FACT THAT, IN THE NOBLE RADI-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIONS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, IT HAD BEEN POSSIBLE TO REACH A CONSENSUS DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 3(C), WHICH, IN HIS DELEGATION'S VIEW, WAS PERHAPS THE MOST CRITICAL DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AT ITS PRESENT SESSION. IT CONSIDERED, MOREOVER, THAT THE DECISION, AS TAKEN, MORE THAN ADEQUATELY PROVIDED THE ADMINISTRATOR AND HIS STAFF WITH THE NECESSARY ELEMENTS FOR MOVING UNDP TO A NEW LEVEL OF EFFECTIVENESS.

HE WAS PROBABLY THE ONLY REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT WHO HAD ATTEND-

ED ALL TWENTY SESSIONS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL. NUMEROUS EFFORTS HAD BEEN MADE TO SUBVERT THE COUNCIL'S TRADITION AS A RESPONSIBLE AND BUSINESSLIKE BODY. EFFORTS HAD JUST BEEN MADE TO PROVOKE AND POLITICIZE ISSUES, IN A FORUM WHICH HAD NO REASON IN FACT OR PRECEDENT TO ACCEPT THE KIND OF CRUDE, CHEAP POLITICS WHICH SOME DELEGATIONS SOUGHT TO BRING INTO IT. HE WOULD LIKE THE RECORD TO SHOW THAT HIS DELEGATION HAD BEEN PRESENT, AND HAD PARTICIPATED AS MUCH AS ANY DELEGATION, IN THE THREE HOUR LONG INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON FRIDAY, 20 JUNE AT WHICH A UNANIMOUS CONSENSUS HAD BEEN REACHED ON ALL THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION FROM PARAGRAPH 4 ONWARDS. THE RECORD SHOULD ALSO SHOW THAT, WHEN THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL WAS BEING TRANSACTED ON THAT OCCASION, HE HAD SEEN NO EVIDENCE OF THE PRESENCE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. IF THERE HAD BEEN A RESPONSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF THAT COUNTRY, HIS DELEGATION WOULD HAVE BEEN PERFECTLY PREPARED TO ENTERTAIN ANY VIEWS IN MIGHT HAVE PUT FORWARD IN A SINCERE EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF DELIVERY OF THE PROGRAM. INsofar AS HIS GOVERNMENT HAD MADE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ORDER OF \$1.1 BILLION TO THE PROGRAM, IT FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND THE REASON WHY A GOVERNMENT WHICH WISHED TO BRING IN POLITICS BUT TO MAKE NO FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION, SHOULD MAKE THE KIND OF STATEMENT WHICH HAD JUST BEEN HEARD IN RESPECT TO HIS GOVERNMENT. THE RECORD SHOULD SHOW THAT HIS DELEGATION HAD ACCEPTED THE INCLUSION OF THE REFERENCE TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3201 (S-VI), WHICH MADE NO REFERENCE WHATSOEVER TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. REFERENCE

TO THIS PROGRAM OF ACTION AND RESOLUTIONS 3202 (S-VI) AND 3343 (S-VI) WOULD HAVE GIVEN THE ADMINISTRATOR AN ADEQUATE BASIS ON WHICH TO LOOK FOR NEW DIMENSIONS. IF HIS DELEGATION HAD WISHED TO BE DISRUPTIVE, IT MIGHT HAVE INSISTED ON THE FACT THAT THE LATTER RESOLUTION WAS JUST AS RELEVANT AS ANY OTHER TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION JUST ADOPTED. ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE CAUSE OF DEVELOPMENT, AS OPPOSED TO POLITICS, MIGHT HAVE BEEN SATISFIED WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NO PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS. HIS DELEGATION FORMALLY REJECTED THE NOTION OF POLITICIZATION AND HOPED THAT, HAVING MADE ITS POSITION UNMISTAKABLY CLEAR, THE PRESENT OCCASION WOULD BE THE LAST ON WHICH SUCH A CHEAP, IRRESPONSIBLE EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO DRAG POLITICS INTO A FORUM IN WHICH IT WAS TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE.

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3. SUBSTANCE OF PRC RESPONSE WAS:

PRC REP (WANG TZU-CHUAN) SAID THAT, IN CONVENING THE CONSULTATIONS TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE HAD REFERRED, THE PRESIDENT HAD SUGGESTED THAT, IN VIEW OF THE SMALL SIZE OF THE ROOM IN WHICH THEY WERE TO TAKE PLACE, NO MORE THAN TWO OR THREE MEMBERS OF EACH GROUP SHOULD PARTICIPATE. THERE WERE MORE THAN TEN DELEGATIONS IN THE ASIAN GROUP AND THAT WAS WHY HIS DELEGATION HAD NOT TAKEN PART. PRC DELEGATION HAD NEVERTHELESS ENGAGED IN A POSITIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING THAT THE DRAFT DECISION WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR INTERESTS.

THE INFORMAL TEXT DRAWN UP BY THE GROUP OF 77 AND INTRODUCED BY A PREAMBLE HAD BEEN A SATISFACTORY ONE. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WERE AWARE OF THE PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THAT RESPECT.

THE IDEA THAT THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR WOULD HAVE THE GREATEST SAY IN DECISION-MAKING WAS AN OUTDATED CONCEPT AND ALIEN TO THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER.

4. IN AFTERNOON, DURING DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM 3(I) (TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES), CHINESE DELEGATION AGAIN INJECTED NON-SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES INTO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
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DELIBERATIONS. PRC REPRESENTATIVE SAID ITS DEL DID NOT LIKE PARAGRAPH 40 OF WORKING GROUP REPORT WHICH EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PART OF RESOURCES RELEASED AS RESULT OF DIMINISHED EXPENDITURES ON ARMAMENTS WOULD BE DEVOTED TO TCDC (THIS PARA HAD BEEN ADDED TO

REPORT DURING 18TH SESSION ON SOVIET INITIATIVE). PRC RPS OBJECTED THAT SUPERPOWER WHICH PROMOTED PARAGRAPH CONTINUING ARMS RACE.

5. USSR INTERVENTION FOLLOWED IN WHICH ITS RPS NOTED PRC HAD CONTINUALLY OPPOSED PARA 40 AS WELL AS WORLD CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT. SAID UNDP SHOULD BE BUSINESS-LIKE AND CONSTRUCTIVE AND DELEGATES SHOULD NOT USE UNDP MEETINGS FOR OTHER INTENTIONS. "SUPERPOWER" INSINUATION WAS A SLANDER.

6. IN RIGHT OF REPLY, PRC CLAIMED USSR HAD SLANDERED CHINA. FACTS PROVED RUSSIA TALKS DISARMAMENT WHILE ENGAGING IN AN ARMAMENTS RACE. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY DISARMAMENT IN USSR OR FREEING UP OF MONEY TO ASSIST LDC'S. IT HAD 200 WARSHIPS CRUISING AROUND THE WORLD WHILE TALKING DETENTE. CHINA FAVORED TRUE DISARMAMENT AS OPPOSED TO SHAM DISARMAMENT. USSR SHOULD WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND MONGOLIA.

7. THIS LED TO ANOTHER EXCHANGE IN WHICH SOVIETS CLAIMED CHINA WAS DISTRACTING COUNCIL WITH ASIDES THAT RAN COUNTER TO A CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION TO THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS AND WERE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE TASKS OF THE UN. CHINA CAME BACK ON POINT OF ORDER. IT SAID IT ENTITLED TO DEFEND JUSTICE AND PRINCIPLE WITHIN THE UN. USSR, A SUPERPOWER LORDING IT OVER OTHERS, DOES BAD THINGS WHILE TRYING TO CLOSE THE MOUTHS OF OTHERS. PRC NOT OPPOSED TO SOVIET UNION ITSELF BUT TO SOVIET RULERS. EXCHANGE ENDED WITH USSR STATEMENT THAT PRC POINT OF ORDER WAS RELATED TO AN ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL OR AN AGENDA ITEM. PRC STATEMENTS WERE, THEREFORE, COMPLETELY INADMISSIBLE AS WELL AS INCOMPATIBLE WITH ACTIVITIES OF UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL.

8. MINCOUN HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON FINAL TEXT OF PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH TWO WITH CHINESE JUST MINUTES BEFORE THIS VIRILENT ATTACK. THE ATMOSPHERE AT THAT TIME WAS CORDIAL AND INDEED THE CHINESE MUMBLED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS. UNDOUBTEDLY, THEY RESENTED THE FACT THAT USG SUCCESSFULLY CAPTURED SYMPATHY OF G-77 IN PROCESS MARATHON EFFORT ACHIEVED CONSENSUS ON THE IMPORTANT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESOLUTION. MOREOVER, HAD WE SLIGHTLY MORE TIME, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT WE WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED IN VOTING DOWN THE CHINESE-DAHOMEY AMENDMENTS AND IN EFFECT SPLIT THE G-77. USDEL FELT THIS HARDLINE TACTIC WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN BENEFICIAL AT THIS STAGE IN MARCH TOWARD 7TH SPECIAL SESSION.

9. OUR VIEW IS THAT THIS IS PROBABLY A CLEAR PRELUDE TO THE TOUGH, POLITICIZED NEGOTIATIONS WHICH CAN BE EXPECTED DURING ECOSOC AND PREPCOM.

9. FYI: AT LEAST 30 DELEGATIONS HAVE COMPLIMENTED THE U.S. FOR

MOVING EARLY AND FIRMLY TO DISPELL ANY NOTION OF WEAKNESS OR OF SURRENDERING ITS HISTORICAL LEADERSHIP POSTURE IN THE MULTILATERAL ARENA. SOME WOULD QUESTION WHETHER OR NOT THIS RESPONSE WAS (A) A PREVIEW OF THE "MOYNIHAN IMAGE", OR (B) SPONTANEOUS EMOTIONAL REACTION OF THE MINCOUN. THE LATTER QUESTION IS INSPIRED AMONG A FEW DELEGATES BY THE FACT THAT THE CHINESE USED A PREPARED TEXT IN THEIR METHODOICAL ATTACK UPON BOTH THE U.S. AND USSR. HAVING NO PRIOR INDICATION OF THIS PERFORMANCE, THE U.S. HAD NO TEXT WITH SOME THOUGHT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE CASE, IF WE WERE REACTING ON THE BASIS OF HIGH-LEVEL INSTRUCTIONS. END FYI.DALE

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